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3V, TUNISIA. 0E6EEG is planning an operation at the club station 3V8BB for the first two weeks of August on all bands and possibly RTTY operation. QSL via JF2EFA if they use the 3V8BB call or watch for announcements if they use individual calls.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Don, WB2DND, will once again be active from A61AD. Operation will be between July 24-28th and July 31st through August 2nd. Don operates mainly on CW.

C4, CYPRUS (5B). ATTENTION PREFIX HUNTERS! The DXNS reports that 5B4XF, 5B4WN, 5B4AFM and 5B8AH will be active from Yeoryiou Island (AS-120), from July 10-13th, with the special callsign C4AY. QSL via 5B4KH, P.O. BOX 5089, Nicosia, Cyprus.

D2, ANGOLA. Peter, ON6TT, will be leaving for D2-land this week for a Red Cross mission for the next 2 months. As of press time, Peter was not sure if he would be active on 160 and 80 meters (but I would give them a listen too!). ADDED NOTE, from Peter, on the status of some of the gang working for UNHCR: 9Q2L (Alex-PA3DZN) left Goma for a holiday of one month. He will return to Goma afterwards. 9X/ON4WW (Mark) will leave Kigali end of June, possibly to return in August. Lastly, 9Q5FH (Alfredo-EA1FH) who started a mission in Bukavu, and will move to Kigali mid July.

EJ3, INIS MEAIN ISLAND (IRELAND). The WestNet DX Group, consisting of operators from the Republic of Ireland, Wales and Northern Ireland are again planning a major effort in the IOTA contest in July, 1995. The operators will operate from this island which is part of the Aran Island (IOTA EU-006) located off the Atlantic coast of Ireland. Activity will be from Thursday, July 27th to Tuesday, August 1st. Outside the IOTA contest, the group will concentrate their activity on 160m and the WARC bands. They also hope to be operational on RTTY/AMTOR/PACTOR and they hope to obtain a special callsign in time for the IOTA contest which will be announced later. If a special callsign is not granted the callsign EJ3HA will be used. Operators for this adventure include:

Republic of Ireland: EI6FR, EI2GX, EI3HA, EI9IF, EI7DSB.

Wales: GW4VEQ, GW00NY, GW40FQ, GW3JXN.

Northern Ireland: GI0KOW, GI0NWX.

ES6, SAAREMAA ISLAND (ESTONIA). A group of Estonian amateurs will operate

from IOTA EU-034, located in the Baltic Sea Coast Group. Operators include ES6D0 and members from Viljandi Radio Club. They will operate from June 29th to July 4th using the callsign ES6Z/0. Their activity will be on 3.5 - 24 MHz with CW and on SSB around IOTA frequencies. QSL via ES6D0.

IOTA NA-092. Dave/WQ5Y, Mike/KG5CM and Frosty/K5LBU will again activate Mustang Island, located in the Texas West Group as a multi-single entry in the IOTA contest this year (July 29-30th). Possible other operators are Bob/K1TU (CW) and Rick/KF5NU. This group hopes that they do not get blown off the beach again like last year 6 hours before the contest ended!

JY, JORDAN. This past week's excitement was the activity by the King of Jordan, JY1, on two different days (Thursday and Friday). In the presence of his QSL Manager (Mary, WA3HUP), lists were taken to work the King. Well known DXer Amir, 4X6TT, was one of the list takers, but also stated he has waited 25 years to work the King himself and was very delighted that he finally got a chance to have a QSOs with him. (ed. Your editor needs this one for the Arab Knights Award!) The activity happened on 14240 kHz beginning around 2130z.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. The Dateline DX Association plans to be active some time in autumn, which may include activity in the CQWW SSB Contest in October. The operators mentioned so far are: AL7EL, WB2DND, KC7V and K4HQI, plus others to be named later. They plan to have three stations active on all modes and bands.

TI9, COCOS ISLANDS. Jose, TI2JJP, is reportedly returning to Cocos for approximately 15 days beginning around October 9th or 10th. He plans to operate 80 and 160 meters in addition to other HF bands.

VK0, HEARD ISLAND. Two press releases were sent to OPDX, one from Ralph, K0IR, and the other from Peter, ON6TT, which reported the following: Plans are firmly in place for a DXpedition to Heard Island. A multinational team is scheduled to sail for Heard Island from Fremantle, Western Australia on November 1, 1995. The Australian Antarctic Division has issued permit number 95/1 allowing a full-scale amateur radio operation. All environmental assessments and letters of indemnification have been filed and approved. A separate proposal for scientific work during the stay is expected to be approved. Ralph states he has the signed permit for the operation in his possession.

A 140 foot vessel has been chartered for the 5,000 mile round trip to Heard Island. The team is expected to arrive at Heard Island on November 12th. Landing will occur whenever weather permits and operation will commence as soon as possible.

An all band/all mode operation, including satellite and RTTY will, occur thanks to support from Yaesu, Cushcraft, and ETO. Some new innovations tested on Easter Island & Salas y Gomez this fall will be implemented if practical.

Departure from Heard is expected to occur on December 1, 1995 (+/- weather) with an arrival back in Australia on December 12th. Hopefully, all team members will be home for Christmas.

The DXpedition was organized by 3Y0PI veterans K0IR (Expedition Leader), KK6EK (Scientific Coordinator) and ON6TT (European Coordinator). The team

also currently includes another 3Y0PI team member HB9AHL, plus N6EK, PA3DUU, K5VT, DJ9ZB, and JH4RHF. Additional support will come from JH1AJT (Japanese Coordinator) and VK2BEX (Australian Coordinator). Sir Edmund Hillary has has consented to be the teams' Honorary Expedition Leader.

Ralph states, "We face a difficult task. Heard is the most challenging of the subantarctic islands. Winds regularly exceed 100 mph and blow snow, sleet, rain, and sand ... all at the same time. There is no reliable source of fresh water on the island. Landing and departure can be extremely difficult. However, we will give this expediton our best effort and will proceed with confidence. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement." 73 -- Ralph Fedor - K0IR

The DXpedition needs your support. Contributions to help defray the high cost of transportation are needed. Please forward these to:

USA: K0IR Heard Island DXpedition,
P. O. Box 563, Waite Park,
MN 56387-0563.

EUROPE: ON6TT - Peter Casier
Oude Heerbaan 30
B-9230 Melle (Belgium)
(when sending cheques to Peter, pse use Eurocheques only,
drawn in YOUR currency and with the Eurochequecard number
written on the back. The bank charges too much if the
cheque is made in any other way)

Other contributions can be channeled through JH1AJT and VK2BEX.
Additional details about the project will follow.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. QRZ DX reports that Press, N6SS, will be returning for a 4 month stay on the island of Diego Garcia. He will be operating from the club station as VQ9SS and plans to built a 160 antenna soon.
QSL via N6SS.

ZK3, TOKELAU ISLANDS. Ron, ZL1AM0, is currently active as ZK3RW. Activity has been mainly CW on 80-17 meters. Check around 3505 kHz around 1016z, 14025 kHz between 2300 and 0230z (also watch 14195 for SSB) and 7005 kHz at 0530z. Reports indicate that Ron will be there for the next three weeks. QSL via ZL1AM0.

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